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SSG NCO takes next STEP

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MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala – There had been many meetings and commanders call's throughout the Air Force boundary protection specialist's career but a recent commander's call where he found himself being singled out to receive an on-the-spot promotion to technical sergeant, clearly topped all others for the 12 year NCO.

Tech. Sgt. Isaac Sharp was announced as the winner of Standard Systems Group Stripes for Exceptional Performers during a special commander's call given by Lt. Gen. William R. Looney, Electronic Systems Command commander recently. "I was somewhat curious about why I was chosen to attend the meeting and even more surprised when the general called me forward," said the Montgomery native. "This is really an honor and privilege for me and my family."

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During his career, Sharp, who is responsible for maintaining SSG firewalls, has kept busy, on and off duty. Since his arrival at SSG three years ago, upgrades implemented by Sharp, have protected SSG from 950 viruses saving 112 man-hours in recovery time. He also reduced monthly downtime due to firewall outages from 20-plus hours to 30 minutes.

The full time Troy State University student credits his success to good morals and work ethic that was instilled by his parents. "My folks taught me to always try to do the best and be the best at whatever I do. I believe that your performance on the job is a reflection of who you are, that's why I also give my best," said Sharp.

The husband and father of three, has also been very active in the community, delivering hot meals to the elderly weekly, serving on neighborhood environmental committee and volunteering two hours a week to provide hardware support on computers and printers at the Bryant Missionary Head-Start program.

Although the promotion was a shock to Sharp, it came as no surprise to his supervisor. "He is simply fantastic and most deserving of this stripe," said Tech Sgt. Donna Schlosser. "He is one of the best I've ever supervised," she continued. "When assigned a task, I know without a doubt that he will get the job done, right, every time."

Sharp plans to apply for officer training in the near future. He gives young airmen this advice. "If you plan and pace yourself you can usually overcome any challenges you face," he said. According to Sharp it is also important for airman to take advantage of the educational opportunities afforded by the Air Force. And finally he says, "Never be satisfied where you are ... always seek more responsibilities and challenges."